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C O N F I D E N T I A L MADRID 1778

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, SP
SUBJECT: TWO ETA MEMBERS KILLED IN SHOOT-OUT

1. IN A SHOOT-OUT AT A ROAD BLOCK IN THE PROVINCE OF GUIPUZCOA
YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, GUARDIA CIVIL ELEMENTS REPORTEDLY MACHINE-
GUNNED TO DEATH TWO MEMBERS OF ETA'S POLITICAL-MILITARY WING
AND SLIGHTLY WOUNDED A THIRD, WHO WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY.
ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE, ONE OF THE THREE ETA
MILITANTS PULLED OUT A PISTOL AND EMPTIED IT AT THE CIVIL
GUARD WHO HAD STOPPED THEIR CAR AND DEMANDED THEIR IDENTIFI-
CATION. THE CIVIL GUARD, WHO WAS NOT HIT, THEN OPENED UP ON
THE AUTOMOBILE WITH THE REPORTED RESULT.

2. RECENTLY APPOINTED GUIPUZCOA CIVIL GOVERNOR BELLOCH, WHO
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ALREADY HAS ATTAINED A REPUTATION FOR BEING UNUSUALLY
SYMPATHETIC TO BASQUE GRIEVANCES, REPORTEDLY TOLD THE PRESS
LAST NIGHT THAT HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE EFFECT OF SUCH
ACTS ON THE COURSE OF POLITICAL RECONCILIATION, A WELL-FOUNDED
CONCERN, SINCE DEMONSTRATIONS ARE LIKELY TO ACCOMPANY THE
INTERMENT OF THE TWO SLAIN MILITANTS.

3. FOR THE RECORD, THERE APPEARS TO BE SOME CONFUSION AS TO WHETHER THE THREE ETA MEMBERS INVOLVED IN THE SHOOT-OUT WERE ASSOCIATED WITH THE RADICAL ETA "MILITARY" WING OR THE LESS MILITANT "POLITICAL-MILITARY" WING. USUALLY ACCURATE "EL PAIS" MAKES THE FORMER CATEGORIZATION, WHILE THE REST OF THE MORNING PRESS HEWS TO THE LATTER. AMCONSUL BILBAO ADVISES, HOWEVER, THAT THE BILBAO PRESS ALSO IS IDENTIFYING THE THREE AS MEMBERS OF THE "POLITICAL-MILITARY" WING, WHICH HAS MAINTAINED A TACIT TRUCE WITH THE GOS IN RECENT MONTHS. EATON

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